

ABSTRACT**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DATA PROTECTION**

5 A data storage tape 4 has an associated memory device 3 in
which is stored a number of signatures 12 each
representative of and associated with a particular data
set recorded on the storage medium. By comparing the
signatures against either signatures created during
10 reading of the data sets back from the tape or against
reference information held on a secure database any
tampering or alteration of the data on the storage medium
can be detected.

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